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Mr. John Robinson  
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Dear Mr. Robinson:

Re: Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, ML 7920 Project, S/047/055, Uintah County, Utah

Thank you for your Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, received by the Division on August 14, 1992. The application for the proposed ML 7920 project, located in the NE 1/4 of Section 36, T5S, R21E, SLBM, Uintah County, Utah is complete and no additional information is required at this time.

From a review of the land status plats, it appears that your mine site access road crosses BLM land and you may need to acquire approval/permission for any type of road improvements. The Division recognizes State Lands and Forestry as the owner of the affected lands at the mine site. The Division, therefore, recognizes the requirements for development of this project and the subsequent reclamation as described in the August 28, 1992 letter to you.

For your reference, I have enclosed copies of our summarized rules regarding "Operation and Reclamation Practices", and the statutory penalty for failure to reclaim a minesite (attachments SMO-1 and SMO-2).

Please give special consideration to item #10 of the "Operation and Reclamation Practices" (attachment SMO-1). Stockpiling topsoil material prior to beginning your mining operation will help ensure successful revegetation efforts upon final reclamation of the minesite. If the area being mined is a solid rock outcrop, or if the land surface is very rocky, then soil stockpiling is probably not possible. However, even the first few inches of undeveloped material is worth saving to aid in later revegetation efforts, and future regulatory release from reclamation requirements.

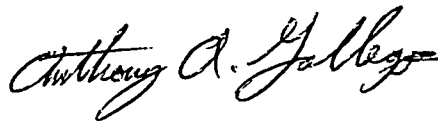
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Should you wish to expand your operation beyond the five (5) acre limitation, please notify this office as soon as possible to discuss the necessary permitting requirements.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between this Division and the State Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) requires us to notify them upon receipt of a mining application. If you haven't already done so, you are advised to contact their office prior to starting your small mining operation to determine whether additional permits and/or approvals are required. We will forward a copy of this letter and your notice to the DEQ for their review. Their address and phone number is: Department of Environmental Quality, 288 North 1460 West, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84116, (801) 538-6121.

Thank you for your cooperation. When in the area, a member of the Division staff will examine the site. Best wishes with your mining operation.

Sincerely,



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Reclamation Engineer

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Enclosure

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